**Friends of Carleton Island**

December 2, 2024

Jefferson County Code, Fire Prevention and Building Code Department

175 Arsenal Street

Watertown, NY 13601

**Attn: Jason Crump, Director**

 **Re: The Carleton Island Villa**

Carleton Island Road 1, Town of Cape Vincent

Parcel No. 39.27-1-16

Dear Jason,

You might remember a letter dated September 13, 2024 addressed to your department by Bond, Schoenick & King (copy attached), and your response dated September 23, 2024 (copy attached).

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Carleton Island to request an update on your investigation and findings.

We remain concerned about the condition of the Villa. While the dangers of collapse remain of concern, as troubling is the unknown, i.e., what is in the dust that blows from the Villa as it deteriorates.

The building was constructed well over a hundred years ago when the dangers of certain building materials were not well understood.

We encourage you to require the owner of the Villa to:

* Improve the fencing around the Villa to make certain that no one can wander into harm’s way.
* Engage an environmental consultant to undertake a survey of the building materials used in the construction of the building to determine whether any toxic or hazardous materials are present, e.g. lead, mercury, asbestos, etc.

Please provide us an update at my address below.

Many thanks and best wishes for the holidays.

Very truly yours,

**Friends of Carleton Island**

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